

# Common Pedestrian Mistakes



1. Being Unaware “**Look, Listen, & Live!**”
  - Pedestrians don’t always “**Stop, look both ways, and listen**” before crossing the street.
  - Connect with drivers by making **eye contact**. If they don’t see you and aren’t paying attention—don’t step in front of them!
  - Be aware of your surroundings! Quickly use “eyes on path” to avoid trip hazards. Don’t walk into a bad situation where predators might be waiting—both animal and human!
2. Pedestrian Screening
  - Pedestrians can be hidden or “*screened*” by parked cars, shrubs, or other obstacles then suddenly appear as they step out in front of a motorist.
  - Screening is especially true for *small children* that can be easily hidden by high profile SUVs!
3. Signal Faith
  - Pedestrians put “*faith*” in signal lights or crosswalk lines thinking they will guard them from traffic.
  - Many pedestrians are killed **INSIDE** crosswalks while being perfectly legal!
4. Signal Lights
  - Don’t cross unless the light signals you to cross.
  - Start crossing when the crossing light turns white **AFTER** you check for traffic.
  - When the walk light flashes red—quickly finish! Don’t go back because it can confuse drivers.

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